

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/585,634
Response to Final OA dated June 16, 2008

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Claims 4, 5, and 11 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 16, 2008.

In the Final Office Action, Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 are indicated as being allowable, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The allowable claims have been amended to be in independent form and to remove reference numerals.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-5, 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujii et al. (U.S. Published Application No. 2006/0102118) in view of Morita (JP 08-028235). Reconsideration and removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Although it is taught in the specification it has not been previously claimed that a tip of a pipe (58a) is placed inside the rim of a combustion chamber (15) when viewed on a projection to a plane orthogonal to the axis of the cylinder.

Claim 1 is presently amended to include the feature of Claim 5, and further to include the disposition of the tip of the pipe (58a), as discussed above. It is respectfully submitted that the invention of Claim 1 is not shown or suggested in the cited references. In view of the amendment

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to Claim 1 and the above remarks, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

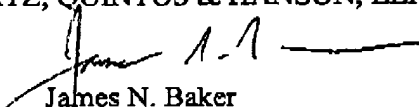
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Claims 1-3, 6-10 and 12, as amended, are believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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